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July 7, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

Subject: Interchange of Information between
the Different Departments of the
Government.

1. On April 15, 1941, as a result of the approved
M.I.D. memorandum (G-2/10560-492) letters were sent by the
Secretary of War to the various Departments and independent
agencies of the Government requesting designation of repre-
sentatives to study the above subject. Various meetings
have been held with the representatives of the Departments
and agencies as a result of which a final report has been
approved by those representatives and is now in process of
being presented to their respective Departments and agencies
for final approval and action necessary to effect that
approval. Copy of the final report is attached herewith.

2. Action recommended.

Approval by the Secretary of War of the attached
report and the designation by him of the Military Intelligence
Division, General Staff, as the War Department office for the
exchange of information set forth in Par. 3 b of the attached
report.

Aug. 19, 1941

Approved

By Order of the Sec. of War

G. C. MARSHALL

Chief of Staff

OK
s/ G.C.M.

/s/ Walter B. Smith

By- WALTER B. SMITH

Major, GSC, Asst. Sec. W.D.G.S.

/s/ J.T. McN

DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF

SHERMAN MILES,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
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REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS,
COMMISSIONS AND OFFICES (HEREINAFTER DESIGNATED "AGEN-
CIES,") APPOINTED TO CONSIDER THE DISSEMINATION AND
SAFEGUARDING OF INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE FORMULA-
TION OF POLICY IN THE PRESENT EMERGENCY

3. a. (3) Each agency will be the sole judge, and will assume
the responsibility for its decisions as to what
information received initially by it is to be
disseminated to other agencies, to which agencies,
and under what classification or other safeguards.

SIGNED:

George Gordon, Representing the State Dept.

John C. Wiley, Representing the Treasury Dept.

Sherman Miles, Brig. General, U.S.A., Representing the War Dept.

Howard D. Bode, Captain, U.S.N., Representing the Navy Dept.

Arthur M. Becker, Representing the Dept. of Agriculture.

Eugene Burgess, Representing the Dept. of Commerce.

Huntington T. Morse, Representing the Maritime Commission.

Shane McCarthy, Representing the Office for Emergency Management.

Ralph C. Scott, Major, Ord-Res., U.S.A., Representing the Administrator
for Export Control.

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